

Application No. 10/772,069

REMARKS

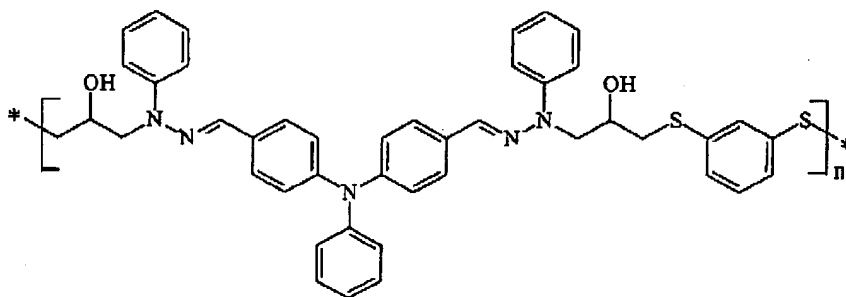
Applicants would like to bring to the attention of the Examiner that there are 43 claims pending in the application. Claim 43 depends from claim 36. Therefore, presently, claims 1- 43 are pending in the application. Correction of the number of pending claims is respectfully requested.

In response to the restriction requirement, claims 1-43 are pending; claims 1-8, 36-43 representing Invention Group II; claims 9-15 representing Invention Group III; and claims 16-22 representing Invention Group IV are withdrawn. Invention Group I represented by claims 23-27 and 28-35 are selected for further prosecution.

The Examiner asserted that the Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect a single disclosed species with all chemical elements and bonding connections in between and among the chemical elements as those chemical structures 2-5 on pages 25-26 in the specification for a computer generation of a search, even though the requirement may be traversed. Further, the Examiner advised the Applicant that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with the requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon. Upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR §1.141.

Applicants elect the species represented by chemical structure (4) on page 26 of the specification. Chemical structure (4) is represented by the following structure:

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The Examiner is invited to telephone Irene Eckert at (612) 252-1541 or Paul B. Savereide at (612) 252-1550 if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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